

The Kilmer Chronicle

February 2013 Joyce Kilmer Council 2483 Knights of Columbus

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GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT - Thanks to everyone who worked on the setup, cooking, and management of the three degrees we held in January. We had 50 knights make their third degree on January 11. Our state degree team, our district deputy, and our state Warden were all in attendance. The council was complimented for doing a good job hosting the degree. I am also glad that many fathers got to see their sons take the degree...On Saturday Feb 9; Assumption Parish is holding the annual gala at David's Country Inn. Bob Marks and I are setting up a Knights table. It is a good night of dinner and dancing that helps support our host parish... While it is winter now, it won't be long before the St. Patrick's Day Parade and St. Patrick's Day dinner. Your support for these events is greatly appreciated...With Ash Wednesday in the middle of this month, I invite all my Brother Knights to prepare for Lent with our principles of charity, unity, and fraternity in mind. Thanks for your support this year. GK David Burns dwburns1@verizon.net

New Committees...I am forming a fundraising committee and a web-media committee this year. The role of the fundraising committee will be to increase participation in our existing events such as placemat sales and dinners and to design new fundraising events for the council. Several fundraising events including the roast pork dinner and 50-50 raffle have not been held in several years. The income from these events needs to be replaced in order to maintain our council's financial health. The web-media committee will look at expanding our online presence by linking our web page to Facebook and other social media. They will also look at ways to use local media to tell our stories to the community. Please let me know if you want to chair or serve on one of these committees. GK David Burns

HONORS & ANNIVERSARIES - Please join me in congratulating the following brothers on attaining significant service milestones in February: 20 Years - **Roger Hines III**, 25 Years – **Louis Williams** and **Vincent Iacampo**, 35 Years – **Eugene Russo**, 40 Years – **Henry Scala**, 45 Years - **Harvey J Masseur**.

DEGREES - January was a busy month in terms of Brothers moving towards full knighthood. On January 3rd the Joyce Kilmer Council sponsored a First Degree where we welcomed new Brothers **Robert Bozich**, **Edward O'Melia**, **Mikel Smith** and **Brett Stadtler**. Later that same

evening we held a Second Degree where the four previously mentioned new Brothers were joined by **Robert Buzga, Louis Crisafulli, Karl Gergits, John Mandick, John Michalko, Scott O'Rourke** and **Jay Woodruff**. On January 11th we hosted a Third Degree where the following members completed their journey towards full knighthood: **Frank Acosta, Robert Bozich, Gregory Castillo, Louis Crisafulli, Eugene DeGeorge, Kevin Denecour, John Mandick, Patrick McFadden, Travis McHugh, John Michalko, Robert Salus, Christopher Souders, Brett Stadler, Karl Von der Heyde, Michael Watterston** and **Matthew Yapaola**.

SPAGHETTI SUPPER NEWS - Our first Spaghetti and *Meatball* Supper was a great success. Attendance was up and everyone seemed to enjoy the new addition to our menu which was expertly prepared by our great kitchen staff. Mark your calendars for our next supper which will be on February 1st.

COLUMBUS CLUB REPORT – We have a several upcoming events, first on Saturday February 16th, returning to the club will be Elvis impersonator Paul Felici. Doors open at 7 PM, come on down and get out of the house and have a good time at your club! Admission will be \$5 per person....Coming up on Sunday March the 17th will be our annual **St. Patrick's Day Dinner!** We will have two seatings, 4 PM and 6:30 PM; see the "Special Events" tab on the website for more specific information. This one always sells out, so tickets in advance are required!.....And finally, returning to the K of C Ballroom and the Bat & Ball Pub will be legendary recording artist **Steve Forbert!** The show will be on Friday May the 10th; tickets are \$25 each and will sell out fast...Steve was our very first performer in our concert series approximately 2 years ago. Since then we have had Garland Jeffries (twice), Willie Nile and Graham Parker perform in our ballroom, and also a number of local bands. We have come a long way, we now have our own portable stage assemblies, which can be configured for a solo act or a 5 piece band, and permanently installed stage lighting.....For tickets or information contact Joe Yapaola joeyap1@verizon.net .

300 CLUB REPORT - On December 28th the regularly scheduled meeting of the 300 Club was held. Congratulations are extended to Rose Piereth who was elected President with a plurality of 231 votes. The duties of vice-president will be handled by yours truly. I'm informed that there will be numerous openings available for membership in 2013 so if anyone knows of someone interested in joining let the membership committee know. A listing of those who served as president in 2012 follows along with the number of votes they won by: JAN: Mike Kennedy-169; FEB: Matt Gandley-103; MARCH: Archie Davidson-244; APRIL: Ted Warcholik-102; MAY: Luke Suppa-161; JUNE: John Lawlor-179; JULY: Mary McCallam-355; AUGUST: Frank Whelan-133; SEPT: Matt Gandley-103; OCT: Bill Skeahan-358; Nov: Mark Wehrenberg-233; and DEC: Rose Piereth-231. Good fortune to all those who served and we look forward to 2013. Our next scheduled meeting is for February 22nd @8:00 p.m. PGK John G. Takacs

INSURANCE AGENT REPORT - Different life stages, changing needs: You may have a long-range expense for which you are saving, such as college for your children. You may be concerned about a comfortable, worry-free retirement. You may want to protect your ability to earn a living. You may wonder if needing costly long-term care will deplete your hard-earned assets. You want to have something to leave for your wife, children or grandchildren. At some point you may have had all of these needs on your mind. Over time, these thoughts make way for others as your needs evolve, your finances change and you get older. What is important to you at age 20, may not be at 30, or 45, or 65. What is the best way to be prepared for these changes before they happen? One of the easiest ways to be financially ready for changes that come with different life stages is to meet annually with your professional Knights of Columbus agent, and address the needs that his analysis uncovers. This can help you be ready to face the financial challenges and issues on the road ahead. During that annual visit, I'll take the time to review your needs, goals and budget. I'll update all beneficiaries on your policies and be sure your coverage meets your needs. I'll recommend a program of life insurance, long-term care, disability income insurance and guaranteed retirement products that will help you rest easy at night. Whatever your needs, whatever your concerns, whatever your stage in life, I can help. Contact me today to learn more. Joe Barret 973-945-0368 joseph.barrett@kofc.org

FEBRUARY CALENDAR

Fri Feb 1 – Spaghetti Dinner 6 to 8 PM

Sun Feb 3 – Breakfast Buffet 7:30 to 10:30 AM

Thu Feb 7 – K of C council meeting 8:30 PM

Mon Feb 11 – Columbus Club Meeting 8 PM

Sat Feb 16 – Elvis at the Knights Doors open 7 PM

Thu Feb 21 – K of C Council Meeting 8:30 PM

Fri Feb 22 – 300 Club meeting 9 PM

Calendar of Events...Attached is a schedule of the major events our council will participate in over the first half of 2013. The success of all of these events is dependent on good turnout. If everyone worked at one or two of these events, our council would grow. Thanks GK David Burns.

March 10	St. Patrick's Day Parade
March 17	St. Patrick's Day Dinner
May 27	Memorial Day Parade
May 31	Hackettstown Relay for Life
May 1-31	Placemat Ad Sales
June 15-16	Softball Tournament

